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there wasn't anybody else wanted to speak anyway, Senator Keyes, so, Senator Barnett, do you care to close?

SENATOR BARNETT: Well, Mr. Chairman, I believe that--I would certainly hope that we could support this type of legislation which is permissive legislation. If Senator Syas' superintendent of schools doesn't want it or the school board doesn't want it, I'm sure they would be seeing that this would happen. All they have to do is not propose it and it wouldn't happen in Omaha. I'd like to quote a little bit, if I could, in the closing from an article that appeared in the Hastings Nebraska Daily Tribune. At the end of his editorial, he said, "the State aid bill was put into effect in 1967. Legislators should have at that time looked ahead to the possibilities of the 12 month school but they did not. Now only 6 years later the law must be adjusted in order for a school which converts to year around operation to be able to get its full share." There is much discussion on this and at the last, I'd like to, and I really thought this was a great article by this Mr. Anderson, I believe his name is, he said to Senator Barnett, maybe, times have changed but we will be surprised if the bill gets out of committee this session, but judging from the need for the law in districts like Papillion and maybe 20 years from now in Hastings, we would vote for it. I think he wrote a real good article, I complimented him on it. He understands the permissive legislation for year around schools. I would urge the body to advance L.B. 65 to E&R initial.

SPEAKER: The motion is to advance L.B. 65 to E&R initial. Those in favor vote aye. Those opposed vote nay. Senator Whitney voting aye.

CLERK: Senator Whitney voting aye.

SPEAKER: Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 6 nays, 15 not voting.

SPEAKER: L.B. 65 is advanced. Senator Stahmer has a point of personal privilege. State your point, Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President and Members of the body, I'd like to take this opportunity to address the people of the State and especially the people of my district legally and on this floor to the effect that there has been a restraining order issued in Douglas County Court enjoining the school district from circularizing petitions concerning a bill which I have introduced and I had previously asked permission to visit one or two of the schools in that area to "give the opposite side of the view" because I know they didn't know what the opposite side of the view was but now in view of this restraining order to stop these children from circularizing political information, I am wanting to make this public announcement that I will not be at that, those schools tomorrow and will not then, therefore, give them my ex post facto blessing of giving the other side of the story when their minds have already been made up and they have already used the children to circularize political information, but I went to these schools, I volunteered to go at, and the schools said they had no objection, they thought it would be good. Now I know that they are going to be criticizing tomorrow before Judge Murphy my appearance so I will save them that trouble by announcing I won't be there and I would like to point out to the members of this body who are interested in shield laws and the freedom of the press, the Omaha World Herald did not put out in its outstate edition, any story covering this very vital matter that concerns not only the children in my school district but it concerns all the children of the entire state and I'm all right on cartoons that show me being blasted over the head. I wonder how the editorial writers of the World Herald are on the suppression of news. Thank you.